



# NATIONWIDE SAR INITIATIVE

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## ► NATIONWIDE SAR INITIATIVE FACT SHEET

[http://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/Nationwide SAR Initiative Fact Sheet 2014.pdf](http://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/Nationwide_SAR_Initiative_Fact_Sheet_2014.pdf)

Every day, law enforcement officers at all levels of government—state, local, tribal, and federal—observe suspicious behaviors or receive reports of suspicious activity, either from concerned citizens or businesses. Although an action or activity reported may not seem significant, when combined with other similar actions or activities, it may become an essential element in preventing criminal or even terrorist activity.

The Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) Program Management Office (PMO) initiated operations in March 2010 with the challenge of ensuring that regardless of where in the country suspicious activities are reported, these potential indicators of terrorist activity can be analyzed and compared to other SAR information nationwide. The NSI has worked hard to incorporate the informal processes that traditionally exist within law enforcement agencies into the standards, policies, and processes developed by the NSI that allow law enforcement agencies to easily share information with the critical partners that need it to help prevent terrorist attacks.

## ► WWW.NCIRC.GOV

The **National Criminal Intelligence Resource Center (NCIRC)**, located at <http://www.ncirc.gov>, serves as a “one-stop shop” for state, local, tribal, and federal law enforcement to keep up with the latest developments in the field of criminal intelligence. This Web site contains information regarding law enforcement intelligence operations and practices, including training opportunities, sample policies, and guidance documents.



## ► SAR CHECKLIST

[http://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/sar\\_implementation\\_checklist\\_3\\_2014.pdf](http://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/sar_implementation_checklist_3_2014.pdf)

The SAR Checklist is a companion document to the *Findings and Recommendations of the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) Support and Implementation Project*. The Checklist assists chief executives and senior leadership in implementing a SAR process within their agencies. Using this checklist in developing an internal SAR process will aid agencies in their crime prevention efforts and help successfully incorporate state, local, and tribal agencies into the nationwide SAR process.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
<http://nsi.ncirc.gov>

# NATIONWIDE SAR INITIATIVE TRAINING

## ► ONLINE SAR TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HOMETOWN SECURITY PARTNERS

The NSI training strategy is a multifaceted approach designed to increase the effectiveness of state, local, and tribal law enforcement and public safety professionals and other frontline partners in identifying, reporting, evaluating, and sharing pre-incident terrorism indicators to prevent acts of terrorism. To increase the effectiveness of this multifaceted approach, the NSI has developed training programs for frontline officers and hometown security partners regarding documented and verified behaviors and indicators that, when viewed in the totality of circumstances, may indicate terrorism-related criminal activity. Both the SAR Line Officer Training and each sector-specific SAR Hometown Security Partners Training discuss how to report identified suspicious activity to the proper authorities while maintaining the protection of citizens' privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties.



Line Officer



Public Safety  
Telecommunications



Probation/Parole/  
Corrections



Fire/EMS



Private Sector  
Security



Emergency  
Management



Maritime

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[http://nsi.ncirc.gov/training\\_online.aspx](http://nsi.ncirc.gov/training_online.aspx)

# STATE AND LOCAL ANTI-TERRORISM TRAINING

The State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT®) Program is dedicated to providing critical training and resources to our nation's law enforcement, who face the challenges presented by the terrorist/violent criminal extremist threat. An essential component of the training provided through the SLATT Program stresses the increased threat that terrorists/violent criminal extremists pose to officer safety, based on their ideological beliefs. To help confront this threat, the SLATT Program provides specialized multiagency anti-terrorism detection, investigation, and interdiction training and related services to state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution authorities.

## ► WWW.SLATT.ORG

### Restricted-Access Site

- Schedule of upcoming on-site anti-terrorism training
- Searchable database of terrorist/criminal extremist incidents based on the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI)
- Valuable information and resources for law enforcement to utilize in their agencies and communities
- Anti-terrorism agency contacts directory
- Updates on the SLATT Program
- SLATT materials list available to order and preview online



### Online Training

- Current terrorism issues relevant to law enforcement practitioners
- Training modules on frequently requested SLATT topics, including case study modules
- Presented by nationally recognized experts in the terrorism field
- Easy-to-use format
- Continually updated with new topics







# STATE AND LOCAL ANTI-TERRORISM TRAINING

## ► THE BJA SLATT POCKET GUIDE SERIES

The BJA SLATT Pocket Guide Series is produced and distributed by the SLATT Program to assist state and local law enforcement in the fight against terrorism. The series includes:

- *Warning Signs of Terrorist Events*
- *Fraudulent Document Detection*
- *Law Enforcement Intelligence*
- *Indicators of Terrorist/Criminal Extremist Activities for Probation and Parole Officers*

The most frequently requested pocket guide, *Warning Signs of Terrorist Events*, presents information on techniques for recognizing terrorist groups/individuals and their activities. It also provides tips on funding sources, threat assessments, and information collection.

## ► COMMUNITIES AGAINST TERRORISM

The Communities Against Terrorism (CAT) initiative is funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and developed through the SLATT Program to provide law enforcement agencies with tools to engage members of the local community in the fight against terrorism. The Communities Against Terrorism initiative is designed to help businesses understand their role in preventing acts of terrorism.

Businesses understand what falls outside the scope of their ordinary, daily operations and interactions with customers in their industry. It is citizens, after all, who have the most opportunities to observe these indicators. Communities Against Terrorism provides industry-specific information on activities that may be associated with the planning and preparation of a terrorist attack. By providing information about potential terrorism indicators to businesses, law enforcement agencies enhance their ability to prevent acts of terror. Flyers and other materials are available from the SLATT Program's Web site, [www.slatt.org](http://www.slatt.org).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.slatt.org](http://www.slatt.org)

# BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF TRUST

The Building Communities of Trust (BCOT) initiative focuses on developing trust among law enforcement, fusion centers, and the communities they serve to address the challenges of crime and terrorism prevention. The BCOT initiative has been implemented in over 15 urban areas across the country, with roundtables hosted by police chiefs, sheriffs' departments, and fusion centers through the support of U.S. Attorneys, Federal Bureau of Investigation field office executives, fusion center directors, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) field representatives.

## ► BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF TRUST FACT SHEET

[nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/BCOT\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](http://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/BCOT_Fact_Sheet.pdf)

## ► GUIDANCE FOR BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF TRUST

[http://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/e071021293\\_BuildingCommTrust\\_v2-August%2016.pdf](http://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/e071021293_BuildingCommTrust_v2-August%2016.pdf)

This document provides advice and recommendations on how to initiate and sustain trusting relationships that support meaningful sharing of information, responsiveness to community concerns and priorities, and the reporting of suspicious activities that appropriately distinguish between innocent cultural behaviors and behavior that may legitimately reflect criminal enterprise or terrorism precursor activities.

## ► BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF TRUST: A GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS

[http://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/BCOT\\_Final.pdf](http://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/BCOT_Final.pdf)

This document was developed to assist community leaders working with law enforcement agencies to facilitate dialogue and discuss ways to work together to prevent crime and terrorism.

# PRIVACY LINE OFFICER TRAINING

## ► THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVACY, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND CIVIL LIBERTIES PROTECTIONS IN AMERICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING VIDEO

<http://www.ncirc.gov/privacylineofficer/lineofficer.swf>



This training video was developed to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement line officers in understanding their role in the protection of privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties as they perform their everyday duties. The short video provides an introductory overview of what privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections are; examples of these protections; and the important function line officers have in upholding these protections.

This video may be used during roll call and in-service training, incorporated into agency distance-learning capabilities, and used to complement other agency privacy-related training efforts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION [www.it.ojp.gov](http://www.it.ojp.gov)

# RESPONDING TO DEMONSTRATIONS

As law enforcement officers respond to demonstrations, rallies, protests, and other events involving the gathering of citizens for a particular cause or purpose, the protection of protestors' and other citizens' privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties is of utmost importance.

To assist officers in understanding their roles and responsibilities in upholding these protections, the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance has released the following resources that support law enforcement agencies as they prepare for and respond to public demonstrations, events, rallies, and protests, while ensuring that citizens' privacy and associated rights are vigilantly protected.

## ► RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIRST AMENDMENT-PROTECTED EVENTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

[http://it.ojp.gov/documents/First\\_Amendment\\_Guidance.pdf](http://it.ojp.gov/documents/First_Amendment_Guidance.pdf)

Law enforcement agency personnel should use this resource to understand their roles and responsibilities when preparing for and responding to First Amendment-protected events. This document is divided into three stages: Pre-Event, Operational, and Post-Event. The Pre-Event Stage identifies issues to consider when law enforcement leadership learns of and begins planning for a First Amendment-protected event, the Operational Stage addresses how (and if) law enforcement should respond to the event, and the Post-Event Stage focuses on the handling and use of any information that was collected as agencies prepared for and responded to the event.

## ► RESPONDING TO FIRST AMENDMENT-PROTECTED EVENTS—THE ROLE OF STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TRAINING VIDEO

[https://www.ncirc.gov/training\\_firstamendment.cfm](https://www.ncirc.gov/training_firstamendment.cfm)



This training video is designed to assist law enforcement personnel in preparing for and responding to First Amendment-protected events. There are two versions of the video: a 9-minute training video and a 4-minute line officer roll call video.

## ► THE ROLE OF STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AT FIRST AMENDMENT EVENTS REFERENCE CARD

[https://it.ojp.gov/documents/First\\_Amendment\\_Reference\\_Card.pdf](https://it.ojp.gov/documents/First_Amendment_Reference_Card.pdf)

This resource serves as a pocket-sized reference card for line officers who are responding to a First Amendment-protected event. The card provides both an overview of law enforcement's roles and responsibilities and an overview of the rights of the participants at First Amendment-protected events.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.it.ojp.gov](http://www.it.ojp.gov)



**The Nationwide SAR Initiative recommends the programs  
and training resources described in this resource for use by  
Fusion Liaison Officers.**

**For more information and/or to request assistance, please contact  
[nsiinformation@ncirc.gov](mailto:nsiinformation@ncirc.gov).**

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